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PASS TO NSF, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

FOR ATTENTION OF CHARLES ZALAR

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TGEN OSCI PL
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR NO-COST EXTENSION OF COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL
CENTER GRANT TIME PERIOD

REF: ZALAR/WALD TELECON, JANUARY 11, 1978

1. AS REQUESTED BY DR. ZALAR IN REF TELECON, SCICOUNS CONTACTED STANISLAW LUKANOWSKI, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTMENT, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ON JANUARY 12 TO REMIND HIM OF THE NEED TO REQUEST IMMEDIATELY A NO-COST EXTENSION OF THE COPERNICUS CENTER GRANT, ALREADY SET FORTH IN ZALAR'S LETTER TO LUKANOWSKI DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1977. WE ALSO INFORMED DR. JOZEF SMAK.

2. LUKANOWSKI HAS JUST GIVEN US HIS PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 16, DATED JANUARY 18, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NSF. IT COVERS THE PERIOD JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1977, AND INCLUDES A REQUEST FOR EXTENSION. THE REPORT WILL BE POUCHED; A SUMMARY FOLLOWS.

3. THE REPORT STATES THAT ALL EXTERIOR WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED EXCEPT FOR LANDSCAPING WHICH MUST AWAIT SPRINGTIME. THE HOTEL BUILDING, COMPLETED AND "COMMISSIONED" ON DECEMBER 22, IS NOW UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING FURNISHED. THE LECTURE HALL IS "ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED", LACKING PRINCIPALLY SEATS WHICH ARE NOW BEING INSTALLED. THE INSTITUTE BUILDING IS 95 PERCENT COMPLETED. THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PERIOD OF THE REPORT, "ALL THE WORK PROCEEDED VERY EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY."

4. DESPITE THIS "MAJOR PROGRESS", CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE

COMPLETED ON JANUARY 31, BUT THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY EXPECTS TO FULLY COMPLETE ITS WORK BY FEBRUARY 28, EXCEPT FOR LANDSCAPING. ACCORDINGLY, LUKANOWSKI REQUESTS THAT THE GRANT TIME PERIOD BE EXTENDED, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDS, TO THE END OF FEBRUARY, 1978, OR, IF LANDSCAPING IS TO BE INCLUDED, TO THE END OF APRIL, 1978.

5. THE REPORT CONCLUDES WITH AN APOLOGY FOR "A MISTAKE AND THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT FOLLOWED" CONCERNING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF NSF FUNDING. IT STATES THAT "THE TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1977, INCLUDES 30,240,000 ZLOTYS TO BE COVERED BY THE NSF GRANT."

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